HB 2781 -- SPORTS OFFICIALS

SPONSOR: Fitzwater (144)

This bill protects sports officials who officiate athletic contests at any level of competition from civil liability for injuries or damages to a person or entity claimed to have arisen by virtue of actions or inactions related to officiating duties within the confines of the athletic facility at which the contest is held. This does not apply to officials who cause injury or damage to a person or entity by action or inaction which is intentional, reckless, malicious, or grossly negligent.

This bill also makes it a class A misdemeanor to physically assault any sports official at any level of competition, within the confines or immediate vicinity of the athletic facility at which the athletic contest in which a sports official was an active participant.